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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 4.
2. Peter Lisagor, new president of the Overseas Writers, called and on behalf of himself and John Scali invites you to address a weekly luncheon meeting of their "American members only," which will be around fifty people. They would like to have you talk at any date of your convenience.
3. You have not addressed the Overseas Writers in the past two years, and you may wish to do this some time in March. However, I think it should be reconsidered before you make a final decision. Peter Lisagor says that if you for any reason would not care so early in the new Administration to talk to this rather large group, he and Scali would again like to get a group of maybe ten people together as they did last year when you were the guest at a luncheon in the Occidental Restaurant. It is my opinion that with a new Administration coming in and the Cuban-Congo-Laos-Middle East situation, as well as the Israeli atomic plan and the "Lavon" affair so much in the news, there is considerable value to the CIA if you have one of your infrequent off-the-record meetings with the Washington bureau chiefs (relatively the same group arranged for previously by Ernest Lindley). Lindley, as you know, is anxious to get the group together. That is the most responsible group in Washington and, of course, has national impact. A meeting with them early next month would be advisable, I believe, and it would be strictly not-for-attribution under the so-called "Lindley rule."
4. RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - (1) That you authorize me to have Ernest Lindley arrange a luncheon of bureau chiefs and other selected people as in the past for a date of your choosing around the 15th of February.
 - (2) That you authorize me to tell Pete Lisagor you will appear some time in 1961 before the "American group" of the Overseas Writers,

but for the time being, we will keep his kind invitation in the deep freeze.

- (3) If you feel that you want to see a small group of Overseas Writers that Lisagor and Scali be authorized to arrange for such a group, not to exceed ten people, for a luncheon similar to last year's.

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